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HIS EXCELLENCY DIMITRIOS BITSIOS  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GREECE  
AND THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOLLOWING THEIR BILATERAL MEETING  
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Foreign Minister Bitsios

You all know the interest which Secretary Kissinger takes for an early settlement of the Cyprus question. We appreciate his interest. We think his role can be very useful. The Secretary has briefed me on developments about his latest efforts towards that end.

Thank you.

Secretary Kissinger

I had a very good talk with Foreign Minister Bitsios. The United States Government, as I pointed out previously, is interested in an early settlement of the Cyprus problem on the basis of conciliation and on a basis that takes into account the suffering on the island. No one can talk to the Greek Foreign Minister without being aware of the great concern of the Greek Government for an early settlement and for an alleviation of the human suffering. And we will continue our efforts in that direction.

I will see the Foreign Minister again later today.

Thank you.

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